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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 31

1. NYT (5) REUTERS REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT PRAVDA ARTICLE SUPPORTING LIBYA IS SEEN BY WESTERN DIPLOMATS AS EVIDENCE OF CONCERN IN MOSCOW OVER EROSION OF SOVIET POSITION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. (ALSO WP)

2. NYT (3) UPI REPORTS FROM LONDON THAT JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS SAYS THE SOVIET NAVY HAS THREE TIMES AS MANY SUBMARINES AS THE U.S. AND WITH ITS NEW KIEV CLASS CARRIER HAS STARTED TO CHALLENGE U.S. SUPERIORITY IN CARRIER STRENGTH, APPARENTLY IN PREPARATION FOR A POSSIBLE WAR OF AGGRESSION. U.S. REMAINS DOMINANT IN CARRIERS AND ATTACK SUBMARINES. (ALL PAPERS)

3. SUN (4) AP FROM WASHINGTON: A SOVIET NUCLEAR-POWERED MISSILE SUBMARINE COLLIDED WITH THE U.S. FRIGATE VOGE IN THE IONIAN, THE NAVY SAID YESTERDAY. VOGE'S PROPELLOR, SOVIET SUB'S SAIL DAMAGED. NAVY AVOIDED PLACING BLAME, SAYING IT IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, PENTAGON SOURCES SAID SUB RAN INTO THE FRIGATE'S STERN. NO DETAILS GIVEN.

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(MENTIONED IN ALL PAPERS)

4. WP (12) A VICTOR LOUIS STORY IN LONDON EVENING
NEWS REPORTED KOSYGIN SUFFERED A STROKE WHILE
SWIMMING IN THE MOSCOW RIVER AND ALMOST DROWNED, BUT
HIS CONDITION WAS SAID NOT TO BE SERIOUS. SOVIETS
REFUSED TO COMMENT ON STORY. ROBINSON

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